



Energy savings sought

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CHEVRON ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Public Works began 2004 with a construction kick-off meeting with Chevron Energy Solutions Company to initiate the construction phase of a Base-wide energy conservation project.

The \$14.2 million project includes 22 years of preventative maintenance and energy savings guarantees.

Chevron ES invested the capital needed to develop and construct eight energy conservation measures (ECMs).

They are reimbursed by significant energy and maintenance cost savings estimated to be \$1.2 million annually.

Chevron ES and their contractors are currently on site renovating lighting in numerous buildings, renovating Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning equipment in Building 3500, and performing steam trap maintenance throughout the base.

Additional upcoming work includes geothermal heat pumps for base housing, infrared



SGT. JOSHUA BOZEMAN

David Burnett, Heating, Ventilation and Air conditioning mechanic, attaches a warning label to a locked out steam valve in Bldg. 3500.



LANCE CPL. KEVIN J. RIDLON

Hill Village will soon benefit from new state-of-the-art heating and cooling systems, which will result in great energy savings.

heating for warehouses and industrial spaces, and a base-wide building automation system.

A number of ECMs are aimed at reducing production costs at the maintenance center, including Steam Optimization and Compressed Air Optimization with Heat Recovery.

Approximately 70 percent of the dollar savings are derived from reduced natural gas consumption, a commodity that Eddie Hunt, Energy Manager here, indicated has been very volatile in recent years. According to him, "this effort is going to go a long way toward getting a grip on our energy budget and meeting mandated energy reduction goals."

Executive Order 13123 requires all federal agencies to reduce their energy consumption by 35 percent per square foot by 2010 relative to 1985 usage. Currently, the base has reduced its energy consumption by 12 percent.

"We are pleased this project

will bring our overall energy reduction rate to 38%, exceeding the mandate," Hunt said.

Construction will not go unnoticed, particularly in Hill Village Military Family Housing with the replacement of 249 residential air conditioners and furnaces with ground-coupled heat pumps, as well as drilling some 400-500 wells for ground loops.

Much of this will be accomplished in the residents' back yards, but the headaches will be worth the trouble.

In addition to improved efficiency, homes will be more comfortable, and cooling systems will be quieter. Drilling will start soon on Crab Avenue, and heat pump replacement will begin roughly two weeks later.

Much of the work, especially the lighting replacement, will be performed at night or on weekends to minimize interruptions.

Engineering reviews are coordinated with Public Works.

A representative was recently hired to monitor construction

National Call To Service outlined

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For most Marines, enlistments last either four years on active duty or in the Marine Corps Reserve.

That was the case until August 2003 however. Now individuals who join the Marine Corps have the option of serving on active duty for just two years.

The National Defense Authorization Act 2003 amends Chapter 31 of Title 10, United States Code, providing the Department of Defense with a new short-term enlistment program.

The Department of Defense policy for implementation of this new short term enlistment option is to be known as the National Call to Service.

The NCS program is designed to promote and make possible military enlistment in support of national service.

This authorizes a list of options, to include initial entry training followed by additional service on active duty.

In short, eligible members would enlist into the Marine Corps for two years, attend basic training, military occupational specialty school and then go to their appointed duty station for the remainder on the contract.

After their two years of active service, the Marine would then be put into the reserves for four years.

This would require training for one weekend a month and two weeks out of the year.

While the enlistment may sound similar, aside from the shortened active service, there are many differences in qualifications for this specific type of enlistment as well as options for occupations and benefits.

First, like most things, there are only a few allocated openings for the short-term enlistment.

Secondly, the jobs available

with a two-year enlistment are few.

"Because of the amount of time it takes to go through basic training and the length of most MOS school, many jobs are not available with the NCS," said Gunnery Sgt. Johnny Anderson, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge, Recruiting Substation Albany. "By the time you get done with all of those things, the amount of time you have actually spent doing your job will be a very small amount."

A very small percentage of NCS Marines will be selected to spend their entire active duty commitment in MOS training in order to assist in filling critically low-density, high-demand MOSs in the reserve component.

To meet the program's criteria, eligible members must possess a high school diploma, have no prior military service, and attain a passing score on the tests that will be administered.

Despite the differences from a standard four-year enlistment, NCS Marines will be

managed the same as all other Marines.

"This enlistment is ideal for college students," Anderson said. "It gives them a chance to see what the Marine Corps can offer them without having to spend four years on active duty," he explained.

One of the bonuses that is available with the NCS shortened enlistment is repayment of qualifying student loans.

Another bonus option is more money towards college.

If an individual chooses to stay in the Marine Corps, they will be eligible to reenlist or extend for extended active duty prior to completion of their active duty commitment provided they meet the program requirements.

The reenlistment or extension, however, must be for at least two years.

The NCS program became effective for the Marine Corps in October 2003.

For more information on the NCS program, interested individuals should contact their local Marine Corps recruiter at 888-8300.



FILE PHOTO

Future Marines, who meet the eligibility requirements for the National Call to Service program, now have the option to enlist into the Marine Corps on a two-year active duty contract.

National Call to Service Program

Program Goals — Encourage high quality applicants to serve their country in two ways:

1. Build up the Selected Reserve, and
2. Facilitate Follow-on Service for National Service Providers.

NCS Service Obligation — Participants incur an 8-year mandatory military service obligation:

1. 15 months of active duty after completion of initial entry training (to include skill training), followed by
2. 24 months of duty in the Selected Reserve, followed by remainder of mandatory service obligation in either of the following:
 - Selected Reserve
 - Individual Ready Reserve
 - Other Department of Defense designated national service programs (AmeriCorps, Peace Corps)
 - Active duty or any combination of the above .

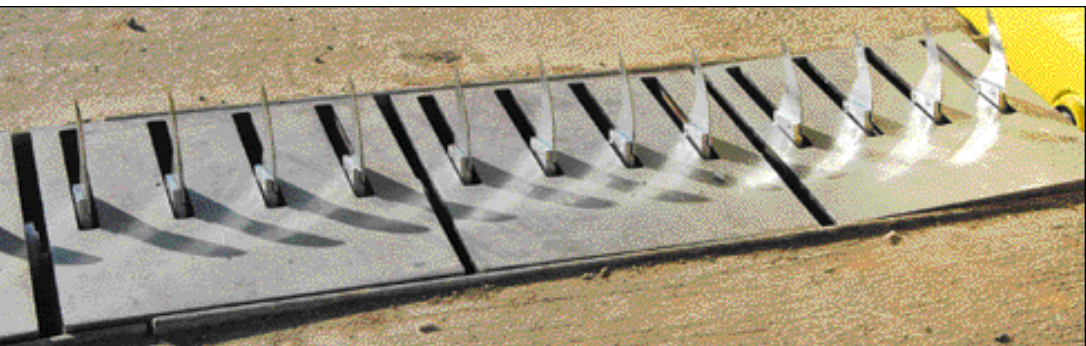
Participant Requirements

- Non-prior Service
- High School Diploma Graduate (Tier I)
- Upper mental category score (I-III A) on AFQT
- Enlist for an MOS designated by Secretary of the military branch that helps the Selected Reserve and "facilitates national service."

NCS Incentives — Upon enlistment, participants will be given the opportunity to irrevocably select one of the following:

- Bonus of \$5,000.
- Repayment of Qualifying Student Loans (Principal & Interest) up to \$18,000.
- Choice of one of two educational allowances —
 - 12 months of benefits equal to 3-year basic Montgomery G.I. Bill, or
 - 36 months of benefits equal to 50% of 2-year basic Montgomery G.I. Bill.

MCLB installs new traffic controls



CPL. ISAAC PACHECO

After being closed nine days for installation of the Cat's Claw vehicle immobilizer, the main gate reopened last Tuesday. According to 1st Lt. Neil Davies, deputy provost marshal, Provost Marshal's Office, the new remotely-activated system gives gate guards a less-than-lethal means of stopping unauthorized vehicles from entering the base.

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TONY RAWLS

Hail and Farewell

During his recent retirement ceremony, Mr. Gilbert Ward, executive director, MCLB Albany, was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award by Commanding Officer Col. Joseph R. Wingard, MCLB.

A Few Good Words



Lt. CMDR. ROGER RICHARDS
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

‘It’s a miracle’

A miracle occurred in our family this past week. On Sunday, my daughter-in-law, Casey, gave birth to our second grandson, Tyler. Several times the next day, she would lay him on the bed in front of her and say, “I can’t believe this baby was inside of me!” To give life to another human being is truly a miracle.

As I have talked with other men about this whole event, we are all amazed that such a thing can actually take place. And while each human being has similarities to his or her parents, we are all unique. There is no other person who is quite like us. My brother and I each have similar interests and tastes, but I am much better looking than he is. It isn’t his fault; it just worked out that way. I am also much more modest than he is.

It is always interesting to listen to experts talk about the fact that no two people have fingerprints exactly alike. I’m not sure how many different combinations and mutations are possible, but it seems like sooner or later, God would have to start using some of them over.

I also am amazed that each person has their own DNA. We can prove a person was not around by the absence of their DNA. In fact, DNA evidence alone has been used to prove a person’s innocence in courts of law. No two people have the same DNA.

How unique we all are. We are similar, but no two people are exactly alike. We have our own subtle differences and nuances. We each have our individual personalities and oddities. And if you ever want to hear about real oddities in personalities, ask me about my sister some time. But the point is that we are all similar, but different at the same time.

But to me, a greater miracle is the fact that God knows each of us, even better than we know ourselves. He knows everything about us. In fact, he knows my whole family history. I don’t know as much about me and what makes me who and what I am as well as God does. He even knows how many hairs I have on my head.

Still, that is not the greatest miracle. Even greater than the miracle of life, and greater than the degree to which God knows us, is the fact that God loves each of us. In fact, the Bible says that even while we were sinners, He loves us so much that he sent His own son to die for us.

The Bible teaches us that because of sin, death entered the world. Since each of us have sinned, we are all consigned to pay the penalty for sin, which is death. But Christ loved us enough to pay the penalty for us so that we might have life, instead.

God’s unconditional love for us, in spite of how well he knows us, is truly a miracle. Think about that the next time you witness a miracle, such as a little boy or girl playing and enjoying the life that their parents gave them. Life is truly a miracle, but eternal life is the greatest miracle of all!

Semper Fi in the Lord, and I hope to see you in church on Sunday.

COMMAND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM
WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday School 9 a.m.
Divine Services 10:30 a.m.
For more information, call the Base Chapel at 639-5282. For emergencies, call the Officer of the Day at 639-5206.

Crossroads Restaurant Menu

Today	Glazed sweet potatoes
Soup of the Day	Peas w/pearl onions
Express Lunch	Dill carrots
Chicken Stir Fry	Rolls & butter
Yakisoba	Salad bar
Vegetable fried rice	
Steamed rice	Tuesday
Spicy whole green beans	Soup of the Day
Salad bar	Sesame chicken wings
	Sliced roast pork w/gravy
Friday	Fried rice
Soup of the Day	Mashed potatoes
Express Lunch	Sauteed cabbage
Grilled pork chops	Green beans
Mashed potatoes	Rolls & butter
Cheese grits	Salad bar
Steamed broccoli	Wednesday
Corn O’Brien	Soup of the Day
Rolls & butter	Express Lunch
Salad bar	Salisbury steak
Monday	Chicken pot pie
Soup of the Day	Scalloped potatoes
Express Lunch	Lima beans
Grilled ham steak	Sauteed spinach
Beef tips w/mushrooms	Rolls & butter
Buttered noodles	Salad bar
Lunch Buffet & Lunch Buffet Takeout — \$5.95	
Soup & Salad and Soup & Salad Takeout — \$3.95	
(add dessert \$4.95)	
Express Lunch — \$3.95	
Hours of Operation — Mon. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	

MCCS Library — a ‘not-so-hidden’ resource

Story and Photos by
CPL. ISAAC PACHECO
EMBLEM STAFF



The Marine Corps Community Services library is bringing its patrons the latest books, most up-to-date research tools, and an impressive array of periodicals.

The surprisingly spacious library is nestled away in an upstairs room in the Enlisted Club building and is arguably one of the base’s “best kept secrets.”

“We have approximately 26,000 books and reference materials,” said Amos Tookes, MCCS librarian. “We try to provide the most popular books and best sellers to our patrons. Anything we don’t have here, we can order in five to seven days from any of the other Marine Corps libraries.”

The MCCS Library is one of 17 libraries spread throughout the Marine Corps, and works in conjunction with these other libraries to bring servicemembers the largest variety of quality reading and study material.

The library features more than 50 news and entertainment magazines, as well as a large collection of local, regional and national newspapers.

For Marines interested in building up their knowledge, the library stocks nearly every book on the Commandant’s Reading List. Online research databases are also available on five computers.

“Anyone who wants to use our facilities for research purposes can get online and browse through our Proquest database,” Tookes explained. “This database links users to more than 1,000 periodicals and research materials online and helps us supplement any outdated research materials we have here.”

The library has a book club that meets every third Thursday to discuss its current book selections and to chose future reading. Right now, the club is reading books from Oprah’s Book Club.

To find out how to become a member of the club or to gather any other library-related information, call 639-5242 or visit the library.



The MCCS Library, located above the Enlisted Club, provides patrons with a variety of quality reading and study materials.

Reading rewarded at Base Theater

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A group of 99 Radium Springs Middle School students get ready to watch “The Cat in the Hat” at the Base Theater. The students were being rewarded for reading 12 books, as part of the America’s Choice/Georgia Choice Program.

Radium Springs Middle School students who take part in the America’s Choice/Georgia’s Choice were recently rewarded with a movie at the Base Theatre for completing 12 books.

Of the 105 students who qualified for this reward, 99 came out Friday night to watch “The Cat In The Hat.”

“The America’s Choice/Georgia’s Choice program is a program that the Radium Springs Middle School adapted to help it’s students to learn reading skills and reward them for their efforts,” said Jana Burnham, Exceptional Student Program teacher.

Burnham went on to say that after the first nine weeks, the students had to read six books, then move to 12, 18, and 25 books. According to her, the celebrations get better as each set of books are read.

The program is a 25-book campaign that lasts all year. Celebrations are hosted for the students after each nine-week period.

“It’s a great program,” said Virginia Chapman, media specialist for Radium Springs.

“The program is used to provide reading skills, and it helps the disciplinary problem students show that they have goals and want to take part in activities,” she explained.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Richard Walker, school liaison officer here, the base and Radium Springs Middle School are “Partners in Excellence.”

“Partners in Excellence is the joining together of the base and surrounding areas to provide positive and meaningful activities for students,” Walker said.

“It gives children the opportunity to work for something and learn new skills,” he added.

Top Children’s Books
(For all ages)

- 1) The Cat in the Hat
- 2) Charlotte’s Web
- 3) Where the Wild things roam
- 4) Curious George
- 5) Bernstein Bears
- 6) Where the Sidewalk Ends
- 7) Clifford: The Big Red Dog
- 8) Huckleberry Finn
- 9) The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- 10) Little House on the Prairie
- 11) Goosebumps
- 12) Winnie the Pooh
- 13) Green Eggs and Ham
- 14) Secret Garden
- 15) Black Beauty

Leave donations requests for employee emergencies

The Annual Leave Transfer Program may be used by employees to request to become annual leave recipients if they or a member of their family suffers a medical emergency. To donate annual leave submit an Optical Form 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program.

- **Carl Simpson**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Cheryl Honeck at 639-5835.
- **Daniel A. Wentzell Jr.**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for illness. Call Veronica Ferros at 639-5379 for further details.
- **Edgar Cole**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.
- **Gerald Wells**, an employee of the Supply Chain Management Center, needs leave donations for an illness. Call Georgia Olson at 639-6534.
- **James Hayes**, an employee of G-6, needs leave donations for illness. Call Debra Capers at 639-6140.
- **Kimberly Vidal**, an employee of Logistics Operations, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Barbara Akers at 639-5565.
- **Karel Giese**, a Business Performance Office employee, needs leave donations for illness. Call Karen Phillips at 639-7161.
- **Robert A. Dickerson**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Thomas Newton at 639-6348.

- **Tracy Jo Singletary**, an employee of SCMC, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Zelda M. Collier at 639-5748.
- **Ruth J Bailey**, an employee of Installation and Logistics Division, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Diane McCall at 639-5652
- **Dottie A. Tucker**, an employee of SCMC, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Jeanette Bell at 639-8213.
- **Jerome W. Vick**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Mack Prater at 639-5796.
- **Kenneth E. Shiver**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call 639-2555.
- **Frank Laster**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for recuperation. Call Sherry Kuck at 639-5881.
- **Sandra P. Ellerson**, an employee of the Resource Management Division, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Sandy Rickett at 639-7013.
- **Reid E. Merritt**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.
- **Kinda D. Scott**, an employee of SCMC, needs leave donations for recuperation. Call 639-2555.
- **Cynthia A. Howard**, an employee of Maintenance Center System Command, needs leave donations recuperation from surgery. Call Ron Howard at 639-7355.

For more information on the program, call 639-5228.

Base Theater Schedule

FRIDAY - JAN. 30	
7 p.m. -- <i>The Human Stain</i> , rated R -- Anthony Hopkins, Nicole Kidman, Gary Sinise, Ed Harris, Jacinda Barrett	
SATURDAY - JAN. 31	
7 p.m. -- <i>The Last Samurai</i> , rated R -- Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe, Billy Connolly, Koyuki, Tony Goldwyn	
WEDNESDAY - FEB. 4	
7 p.m. -- <i>Something’s Gotta Give</i> , rated PG13 -- Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves, Amanda Peat	
Free Admission	
Hot Dog	\$.75
Sausage	\$ 1.00
Nachos	\$ 1.00
Candy	\$.50
Slim Jims	\$.75
Large soda	\$ 1.00
Small soda	\$.75
Large popcorn	\$ 1.50
Med. popcorn	\$ 1.00
Small popcorn	\$.75

Community Briefs

— Sunday there will be a SNCO Super Bowl Party “Burn Your Own Steak Night.” The menu will be: New York Strip steak, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, dirty rice and dinner rolls. members price is \$6.95; non-members is \$9.95. RSVPby calling 435-6200 or 639-7710.

— The SNCO Club Pool Tournament will be tomorrow. The social begins at 3 p.m. and the games at 5:30 p.m.

— Come and enjoy “Mexico” at the Officers’ Club with the Mariachi band “Garibaldi” feb. 11. The social begins at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each or \$35 for each couple. RSVP at 639-7715.

— Military Spouses Night Out is scheduled for Feb. 10 at the Base Theater. Childcare will be provided at the Child Development Center. Call 639-5199 or 639-7930 to reserve your spot.

— Order your NASCAR tickets by Feb. 9 for Mar. 13 & 14. Tickets are \$40 for both days. For more information, call ITT at 639-8177.

— The Dougherty Youth Orchestra will perform a Valentine’s concert on Feb. 10 at Darton College at 7 p.m.

The concert is free but feel free to make donations.

Call 888-7314 for more information.

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MCLB celebrates MLK Jr. Day in praise, song

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of it’s creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’ I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaves owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character. I have a dream today.”



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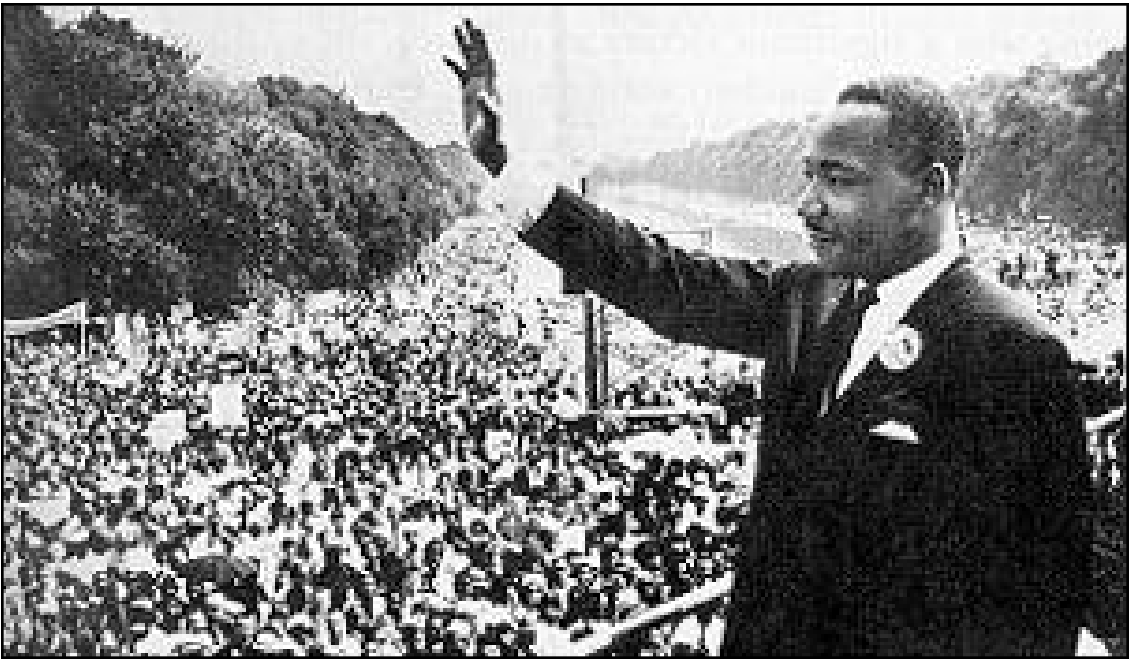
These inspirational words expressed 40 years ago by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as he stood in front of the thousands of people who traveled to Washington, D.C., to hear him speak, are the same words that continue to fill the hearts of mankind all around the world.

According to the 2004 proclamation given by President George W. Bush on the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday, “our nation honors an American who dedicated his life to the fundamental principles of freedom, opportunity and equal justice for all.”

The president went on to say that Dr. King’s leadership moved Americans to examine their hearts and to live up to the ideals of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

“He dreamed of an America where all would enjoy the riches of freedom and the security of justice,” the president continued.

Locally, base patrons joined together to honor the memory of Dr. King during a memorial service held here. Spearheading the efforts were Bill Robinson, supply system analyst, Marine Corps Logistics Command, and Jacqueline Clark, forms manager, Base Adjutant,



FILE PHOTO

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stands at the top of the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963, and delivers his “I Have A Dream” speech.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, who teamed up to bring the base together for this annual event.

The service took place at the Base Chapel, Jan. 15. The people in attendance heard from many speakers and listened to the harmonious melodies of the base choir.

The speakers at the service were Col. Joseph R. Wingard, commanding officer, MCLB, Col. Arthur Sass, chief of staff, LogCom, Maj. Brian Jackson, staff judge advocate, MCLB, and special guest Navy Capt. Henry Nixon, force chaplain, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.

“Nixon talked about the work Dr. King has done and how he has helped benefit all people,” Robinson said. “It was a pleasure to have him come and talk to everyone.”

Approximately 120 people attended the service to help keep Dr. King’s dream alive.

“We should all remember the work that was done by Dr. King,”

Robinson said. “His work has had global effect and his teachings are being practiced by all nations.”

The Crossroads Restaurant here also celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a luncheon, Jan. 21.



TONY RAWLS

Navy Capt. Henry Nixon, Force chaplain, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, gives his speech on the work and determination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the memorial service held at the Base Chapel, Jan. 15.



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Jackie Johnson, alternate agency program coordinator, Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card Program, MCLB, sings a song in tribute to Dr. King during the memorial service.



STAFF SGT. BRYAN P. REED

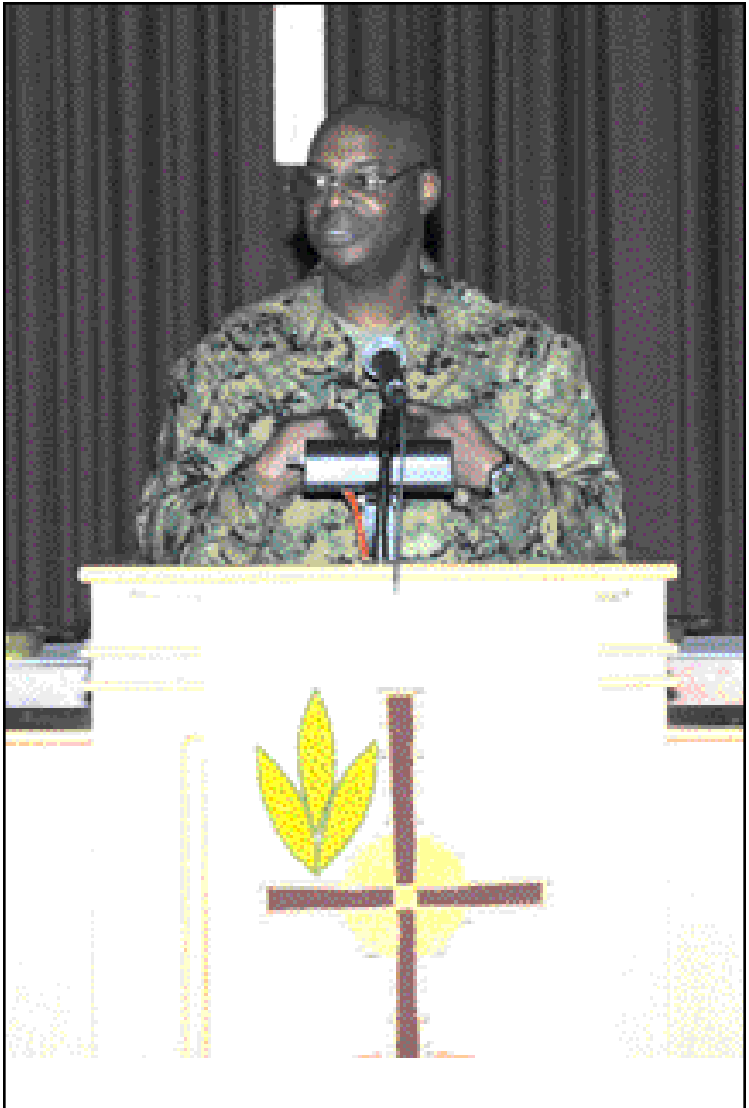
This cake was served during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration held aboard the U.S.S. Nassau.



TONY RAWLS

Approximately 120 people attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial service to listen to the motivational speakers and singers who spoke and sang in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Memorial Service Jan. 19, 2004



TONY RAWLS

In conclusion, Col. Arthur Sass, chief of staff, LogCom, gives the closing remarks at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service.

C-4 wins hard-fought battle against Enforcers, 59-52

Story and photos by
LANCE CPL. KEVIN J. RIDLON
EMBLEM STAFF

In recent intramural basketball action, C-4 edged past the Provost Marshal's Office "Enforcers," 59-52.

Each team had a very strong defense that kept constant pressure on the other, resulting in several bad passes and turnovers by both teams.

Although the first half was very close, C-4 maintained the upper hand by playing a zone defense.

"We were hurting with just seven players but we had a good rotation going, so we all stayed fresh," said Adam Jurewich, a C-4 guard.

"We got into early foul trouble and we decided to drop into a two-three. That caused a lot of forced shots

and turnovers, which helped us a lot," he went on to explain.

At the end of the first half, there was only a two-point difference in the score. C-4 held onto the lead, 28-26.

The Enforcers' defense seemed to tire out early in the second half, which allowed C-4 to capitalize on more fast breaks.

This defensive breakdown enabled C-4 to jump to a comfortable lead.

In the meantime, C-4 stepped up its defense. The defensive pressure led to several blocked shots and more turnovers by the Enforcers.

The lead C-4 enjoyed was shortlived, however.

In the last five minutes of play, the Enforcers started to come back on a run.

They brought the score back to with one basket.

The momentum of the



Adam Jurewich (left) hits the floor hard during a scramble for the ball during last week's match-up against the Enforcers.



Enforcers' Corey Klingman takes a jump shot over C-4's Maurice Williams, as the rest of the players get set for a rebound.

game seemed to turning in favor of the Enforcers. Unfortunate for them, however, a couple players were hit with fouls in the final minutes of the game.

The Enforcers fouled two of the C-4 players, which sent the C-4 players to the free throw line.

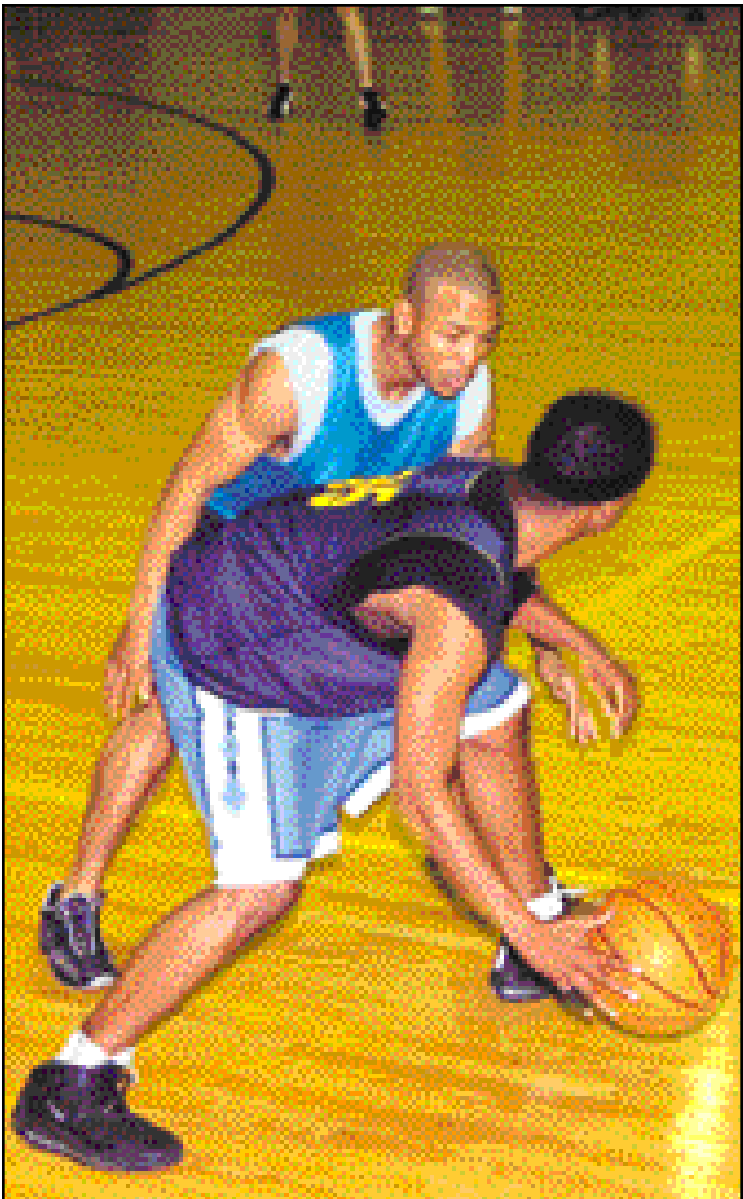
C-4 made good on its free throws, holding back the Enforcers in the closing minutes of the game.

Jurewich was the game's high scorer, finishing with 17 points.

Teammate Larry Grimes also finished the game in double digits, scoring 14 points in the winning effort.

"The game was a difficult one," the Enforcers' Victor Traitel.

"C-4 had a nice squad that worked well with each other. We gave it our all and fell a bit short in the end," he explained. We matched up nicely against them, and look forward to playing them



An Enforcers' defender puts pressure on Maurice Williams, as he tries to dribble the ball upcourt.

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MCCS Sports — Basketball 2004

Adult League

Feb. 3 C-4 vs. STAP
Feb. 3 GME vs. Drummers
Feb. 4 Civilians vs. C-4
Feb. 4 STAP vs. HQBN

Current Standings	W-L
1 — STAP	(2-0)
2 — SNCO	(3-0)
3 — C-4	(2-1)
4 — GME	(1-1)
5 — PMO	(1-2)
6 — Civilian	(1-2)
7 — HQBN	(1-2)
8 — Band	(0-3)

MCLB YMCA Youth Basketball

10 & Under Boys	7 & Under
Jan. 31 MCLB 1 vs. Knicks	Jan. 31 MCLB 1 vs. Bulldogs
Jan. 31 MCLB 2 vs. Hornets	Jan. 31 MCLB 2 vs. Spartans
Feb. 7 MCLB 2 vs. Blazers	Feb. 21 MCLB 1 vs. Tarheels
Feb. 7 MCLB 1 vs. Bulls	Feb. 21 MCLB 2 vs. Vols
Feb. 21 End of season tourney	

10 & Under Girls	5 & Under
Jan. 31 MCLB vs. Storm	Feb. 7 MCLB 1 vs. Blazers
Feb. 7 MCLB vs. Rebels	Feb. 7 MCLB 2 vs. Lakers
Feb. 14 MCLB vs. Sparks	Feb. 21 MCLB 1 vs. Sonics
Feb. 21 End of season tourney	Feb. 21 MCLB 2 vs. Knicks

Week 3 Scores

Civilians over PMO, 56-38
HqBn over Drummers, 59- 41
SNCO over Civilians, 61-58
PMO over Drummers, 49-23
C-4 over PMO, 59-52

Dougherty Comprehensive High School 2003-'04 Varsity Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1/30	Ware Co.	Ware Co.	6 p.m.
1/31	Monroe	Monroe	7 p.m.
2/3	Thomas Co.	Thomas Co.	6 p.m.
2/6	Crisp Co.	Dougherty	7 p.m.
2/7	Albany	Albany Civic Center	TBA



MCLB Albany 3-on-3 soccer league season starting soon

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A 3-on-3 soccer league started Jan. 27 at Boyett Park next to Cavella Pond here.

The games are expected to last 45 minutes and are scheduled to be played every Tuesday and Thursday. Two games will be played each day. The first game will be played from 11a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and the second game will be played from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Six teams are still needed for the league. The league is open to any Marine. It will be played the same as a regular season, and will conclude with a playoffs and a championship game at the end of the season.



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The length of the season depends on the amount of people that participate in the league.

Eleven players will be picked to participate in a base team that will play surrounding area teams and different bases.

"The best 11 players will be picked from their performance during the season," said 1st Lt. Neil Davies, deputy provost marshal, Provost Marshal's Office here.

Anyone interested in playing should contact 1st Lt. Davies at 639-5181 with the roster of their team.

Education benefits assist Marines in Corps, society

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MCAS MIRAMAR, Calif. — According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average salary of an American with a bachelor’s degree is around \$46,300.

The average salary of someone without a bachelor’s degree is around \$28,800. “To become a complete Marine, the Marine has to be effective in the Marine Corps and in society. This means they must be educated in both,” said Gunnery Sgt. Ellsworth C. Huling, Miramar Education Office staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Marine For Life Program offers transition help

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sandy Carter has hired two employees, thanks to Marine For Life, and she’s glad there’s a program that allows employers to recruit from the ranks of those leaving the Marine Corps.

“The program works out very well for me,” said Carter, who works for Allied Security in the Denver area. Carter considers Marines a perfect fit for her line of work. A Marine, Carter said, is “somebody I would prefer to hire.”

Marine For Life helps transitioning Marines getting settled in civilian life find jobs, decide on careers, make educational choices and look for homes.

“For those who have served honorably, our debt of gratitude extends well beyond their last day of active service,” said Gen. James L. Jones, 32nd commandant of the Marine Corps.

““Taking care of our own,” means more than helping Marines prepare to leave active service,” Gen. Jones said. “It also means sticking with them after their departure, and helping them tap into networks of people, businesses and organizations.”

Marine For Life has more than 70 hometown links across the nation, and that number is projected to grow rapidly in the next year. A hometown link is a reserve Marine who assembles a network of available resources to help Marines prepare for civilian life.

For example, a Marine leaving active duty can go to Web site www.MarineForLife.com and type in the zip code for his new home. The site will display helpful information on the city, town, or region.

The program is picking up speed, and its Web site is growing. To improve the Web site and fill in gaps with personal assistance, each hometown link location has one or more Marine reservists working to enter data related to their community. As the data increases, more and more Marines looking to begin their new lives can take full advantage of Marine For Life online.

For now, Marines leaving the Corps can use the Web site, but are encouraged to contact their hometown link for additional help.

In Augusta, Maine, Lt. Shaun Bennett serves as the hometown link for the whole state.

“Since I’m covering such a large area, I’m finding resources in population hubs, like Portland, Lewiston and Bangor, and working outwards from them,” Bennett said. “When I make contact with a Marine, I establish where they’re going and what they’re hoping to do once they get home. After that, I focus my efforts around those criteria.”

Cpl. Eugene Pray in New Portland, Maine, left active duty in September. Pray has been searching for a job with the federal government, and he said he has been impressed by Bennett’s knowledge of the job scene. “Any questions that I’ve had, he’s answered,” Pray said.

Though Pray has specific goals for his future, not everyone does. Marine For Life can be especially

Whether Marines do four years or 20 plus years, everyone eventually gets out of the Marine Corps. What happens in a Marine’s life afterward depends on the preparation the Marine makes now.

Most Marines think they don’t have time to further their education, but that’s not always the case anymore, according to Huling.

There are on-line, video courses, as well as classes offered at lunch here.

“Lunchtime classes free up the Marines’ time in the evening, and as long as they have a VCR or a computer, they can get an education,” Huling said.

Marines may feel as if their schedule wouldn’t allow them the opportunity due to the needs of their work section.

“I believe it’s important for Marines to be afforded the opportunity to get an education,” Huling said.

With all the training Marines receive, they get what’s called a Sailor Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART).

“If a Marine comes in, gets evaluated, he can get up to 30 credits for military service, which is half way to an associates degree, leaving the Marine only two and a half to three years (after the completion of an associates’ degree) to complete a bachelor’s degree,” Huling said.

The best part ... it’s free. A Marine can complete his or her degree without having to use funds from their Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Additionally, the Tuition

helpful when Marines aren’t sure what their next step should be, said Maj. John “Buck” Nelson, a hometown link in New York.

“It’s pretty easy to help people who know what they want,” Nelson said. When Marines have more questions than answers, Nelson tries to link them with experts in prospective career fields.

“If a guy comes out and says he’s a diesel mechanic, I can find him four different jobs in four different towns,” Nelson said. However, if someone isn’t sure what to do next and wants additional job skills, Nelson frequently points out that the economy makes going to college “a good idea right now.”

Marine For Life is about helping Marines find the answers they need as they move into the civilian world, said Sgt. Angel Cardona, who works with Nelson. That doesn’t mean the hometown link is going to “hold their hand,” but it does mean the hometown link can point them in the right direction.

“What I encounter a lot is unrealistic expectations,” Cardona said. Sometimes Marines getting out of the Corps don’t understand the realities of the job market, and Marine For Life can give them the facts and keep them from wasting time searching for something that’s out of reach.

On the flip side, Cardona said he doesn’t want to see a Marine aim too low. He said he wouldn’t want to guide a Marine into a low-paying, dead-end job. Doing that, Cardona said, would leave him asking himself, “Did I really help him?”

Though the scope of Marine For Life is much broader than finding jobs for Marines, employment is typically the dominant concern for Marines using the program, said Maj. John Christensen, the hometown link in Denver. Christensen said he sometimes feels like a “post-Marine Corps career counselor.”

One Marine Christensen helped is Sgt. J.R. Bell, who left active duty in August.

After initially planning to settle in Denver, Bell opted to live in Seattle and sell cars while preparing for a career as a firefighter. Nevertheless, Christensen’s help kept Bell at ease when it looked as if he would be making his home in Denver.

Bell said he would recommend Marine For Life to any Marine planning to leave the Corps.

“It’s a guaranteed safety net,” he said.



LANCE CPL. ANDREW P. ROUFS

MCLB’s top shooters

Winners of the Intramural Skeet Competition show off their trophies following a recent awards ceremony. (Pictured in back row, left to right) Maj. Alan Schachman, Staff Sgt. David McKinley, Mr. Kent Morrison, Col. Joseph Wingard. (Front row, left to right) Sgt. John Vanderhoff, Staff Sgt. Timothy Lewis, Lance Cpl. Brandon Davis and Sgt. Nester Antoine. Skeet winners not pictured include Col. Peter Underwood, Capt. Troy Adams, Sgt. Kyle Holdmann and Sgt. Charles Rotenberry.

Assistance Program covers 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester unit, with a cap of \$4,500 per year.

The Marines pay for books, but most of the time they can get reimbursed up to 50 percent for selling them back to the company they purchased them from.

Band takes show on the road; performs in Moultrie



Members of the Albany Marine Band recently traveled to Moultrie, Ga., to perform in the city’s annual MLK Day parade. As the band marches through the town square, a bundled up group of young Moultrie residents show their appreciation.

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MOULTRIE, Ga. — The Albany Marine Band celebrated the life and work of one of America’s greatest civil rights leader — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — when it traveled here Jan. 19.

A large group of Moultrie residents lined the streets surrounding their town square to catch a glimpse of the band, and to hear skilled musicians perform parade classics on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The band, led by a color guard of Young Marines and a group of law enforcement vehicles, kicked off the parade to the cheers of the crowd.

The band performs in the event annually, and members take a special pride in being able to honor Dr. King’s legacy in his own state.

“It’s something that the city of Moultrie usually requests us to participate in every year,” said Cpl. Gary Crull, a band member.

“It’s a good opportunity for us to get out and interact with the community, and support the things they’re doing,” Crull explained. “We practice and drill everyday so that we can give our best performance every time we come out here.”

Each year, the band participates in more than 100 events throughout the U.S. and internationally.

The band also uses those performances as recruiting opportunities.

“A big portion of our public performances is geared toward helping make civilians aware of the Marine Corps,” Crull explained. “Sometimes the only thing they ever see of the Corps is our performances, and that makes what we do such an important tool for recruiting.”

In addition to their required practice and drill, band members spend approximately 20 hours of their off-

time each week honing their theory, memorization and performance for upcoming events.

“We prepared for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade by doing several days of field drill with and without the music,” said Staff Sgt. Jack Davis, enlisted conductor. “We toured the base just like we would march in a parade. This helped our Marines work on their stamina and endurance.”

Although time constraints are often restrictive, band Marines stay focused. Each of them contributes an important piece to the success of the band’s overall performance.

“Time is always a big challenge for us,” Crull pointed out. “With all the performances, traveling and practices, we get stretched thin sometimes. There’s a lot of logistical things required to get us out to events, and everybody in the band plays a role to make things happen.”

Although a challenge, all the effort and labor involved in making the band a well-oiled machine pays off for the band Marines.

“I really enjoy all the traveling,” Crull said. “Going places I’ve never been, even if we’re just visiting a small town, is still a great experience. Being able to see the pride and happiness in people’s faces when they see us perform makes all our hard work worthwhile.”

These intangible rewards instill many band Marines with a deep sense of pride and encourage an unparalleled level of devotion.

“This is the first Marine band I’ve been involved with, and in my opinion it’s the best one out there,” Crull said. “I love what I do, and I hope to stay in the Marine Corps Band for my entire 20-year career.”

With attitudes like this, Marines Corps-wide can surely expect the exuberant sounds of Marine bandsmen to carry on for years to come.



In an effort to ward off the chilly temperatures, Cpl. Anthony Danglar warms up with his trumpet before the parade.